

a deep-water port for Houston. Mr. Milby died on July 1925 and in 1926, Charles H. Milby High School was named in honor of his many contributions to the East End area.

In 1926, Milby High School opened its doors with 212 students and 13 teachers. Today Milby High School has over 3,000 students and is considered the oldest and largest school in the Houston Independent School District. With its proud colors of blue and gold, and its mascot of the fighting buffalo, Milby High School has educated hundreds of alumni veterans who fought in World War II, Vietnam, and the Korean War.

Today, Milby is known for their legendary basketball coach, Boyce Honea, class of 1959. He has been with the school for nearly 25 years, has won many district championships, and 9 victories in the annual 32-team J. C. Tournament. Their school spirit is also evident in their cheerleading squad which participates in yearly competitions and is sponsored by two national cheerleading companies. Most notable, however is Milby's Science and Engineering Magnet Program which attracts many students each year from all over Houston.

Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Milby's 75th Anniversary, there will be a 21-gun salute for the veterans and former students who died in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, on June 2 at 1601 Broadway. A 4-foot-by-16-foot granite memorial wall will be donated in their honor by the Milby Anniversary Alumni Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Milby High School on its 75th Anniversary. I would also ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating the dedicated teachers, administrators, some of whom are alumni, parents and students for 75 years of work and dedication to the East End and our Houston community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on Monday and missed rollcall votes No. 126 and 127. Had I been here I would have voted "yea" on both rollcall 126 and 127.

A TRIBUTE TO ALVIN M. PETERSEN: THE INSPIRATION BEHIND CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I want to pay tribute to Pastor Alvin M. Petersen and to the legacy he built: the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL).

Even though the University of Nebraska is not in my Congressional District and even though it is a long way from California, I want to honor Pastor Petersen, because he is the father of my Senior Legislative Assistant, a woman who has worked on my staff for almost twenty years.

This coming June 9th and 10th, a celebration will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska to commemorate the 50th birthday of the Lutheran Student Center and the work of "Pastor Pete", as he has been called for decades by the university students. Also honored are his wife, Edell, also known as "Mom Pete", who was an integral part of the Center, and the three subsequent pastors: Bruce Berggren, Roger Sasse, and the current pastor, Larry Meyer, who completed his seminary internship serving under Pastor Pete.

The Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNL was begun, with Pastor Pete at the helm, in 1940. Through his diligent efforts, money was raised to build the current building, which opened in 1951, in the center of the UNL campus. In 1958, a chapel was added to the original structure, and Mom Pete lovingly wove banners that still hang over the altar.

The Lutheran Student Center provides worship services, a place for students to belong and to matter in a large university setting, and a training ground for future pastors. The Center has the largest Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) worshipping community on any state university campus in the nation.

The Sunday morning worship services and mid-week Vespers are at the heart of the ministry. Bible study, counseling, participation in the choir, fun and fellowship with movie nights, the spring break ski trip, retreats, volleyball and softball are all available to students.

In the past five years, an extensive renovation project was undertaken to bring the building into the 21st century. After \$400,000 was raised by Pastor Meyer, the current minister, so that there would be no debt, the Center has been updated, remodeled, and made completely accessible with the addition of an elevator. A new Outreach Program at Southeast Community College in Lincoln has begun, so that students at this community college also feel they are part of a campus ministry program.

The building—the Lutheran Student Center—is the symbol and the physical setting for a ministry that cannot be measured in words. Many a lonesome freshman has found friendships at the Center. Many students with counseling needs, or doubts, or problems have found help at the Center. Many couples have met and married at the Center. Many a faith has been strengthened through worship at the Center.

I am honored to pay tribute to the Lutheran Student Center and to a lifetime of work and love and concern by Pastor Pete—Pastor Alvin Petersen. One person truly can make a difference in this world!

IN HONOR OF REV. FR. DENNIS R. O'GRADY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Rev. Fr. Dennis R. O'Grady on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination as Priest, and also on his 20th Anniversary as Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. O'Grady began his distinguished and proud career shortly after his Ordination on

May 20, 1961. In June of that same year he became the Assistant at St. Vincent Parish in Akron, Ohio where he spent five years before becoming Assistant at St. Michael's in June of 1966. Rev. O'Grady's honored service to the community continued by becoming a Member of the Diocesan Pastoral Team For the Spanish-speaking and serving in the Hispanic Ministry as Associate Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Cleveland, Ohio. Throughout his forty years of service, Rev. O'Grady has accomplished great feats within his religion. His tremendous faith and giving nature has brought hope and joy to the lives of thousands.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. O'Grady represents the very best of Cleveland, and his outstanding service to mankind deserves the highest of praise.

I ask my distinguished colleagues to join in rising to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Rev. O'Grady, and honor his forty years of service to his church, his faith, and the community.

"HONORING COUNCILMAN GENE 'IGGY' GARISON"

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pasadena City Councilman Gene "Iggy" Garison and to thank him for his distinguished service. Councilman Garison was first elected to the Pasadena City Council in 1993, served as Mayor Pro Tem from 1996 to 1997 and is currently serving his fourth two-year term. He is a dedicated and committed public servant, and his constituents are fortunate to have him as their representative.

Councilman Garison was born in 1942 and has lived in Pasadena for nearly 30 years. Despite recent health problems, he continues to be a driving force in Pasadena. He has touched the lives of so many people and has made numerous civic contributions. As a small gesture of the communities appreciation, the San Jacinto Day Foundation recently decided that the city's annual Strawberry Festival would be dedicated to Iggy Garison.

As a member of the City Council, Garison has been responsible for many improvements in Pasadena. His accomplishments include the revitalization of North Pasadena, the Capitan Theatre and the Corrigan Center. During his tenure, he has worked hard to reduce crime and to improve the city's infrastructure, particularly streets, sidewalks and sewer lines. Councilman Garison has also promoted the demolition of abandoned and deteriorated structures and continues his efforts to reduce flooding.

Iggy Garison has always welcomed opportunities to be of service to his country and his community. He served in the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard. He was a valuable member of the Pasadena Police Department. He was a distinguished volunteer firefighter. And he was an investigator for Constable George Larkin.

Councilman Garison is a member of the Houston Fire Museum board, the San Jacinto Foundation, the American Legion, the Elks Lodge, the National Guard Association, the